

THE NEW YEAR



Merry Christmas to All



On the Bridge at Midnight

By Marion R. Reagan

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VERY New Year's Eve the old lady came. Hoskins had been watching her now for several years. Always about the same time, eleven or twelve, she would come and take her stand in the middle of the bridge leading expectantly down the river. As the "Amalia," an old barge engaged in the Indian trade and scheduled to arrive annually in London on January 1, sailed up the river, she became violently agitated. When it passed directly under her, she shouted loudly in a cracked, hoarse voice, and tossed a purse down to a certain sailor on the deck who greeted her with wild cheers. She would watch the old boat glide easily up the river till it was out of sight. Then quietly she turned toward the south and walked away.

Now Hoskins was a conscientious thief. It was not his policy to rob old women of their purses. The quiet old men of Hyde Park, and the young men, too, were his game. But lately there were too many in the business for any profit. And the newspapers were against him. Daily reminding their readers to be aware of pickpockets. People watched one more now and one had

to be on one's guard at all times. Reluctantly Hoskins foresaw the old field of his activities and sought other prey. It was a hard year, however. What little he picked up from the Christmas shoppers he already owed to friends. He was facing the New Year almost penniless. Then he remembered the old lady and her fat purse. He despised himself for thinking of it—he a man of principles—but starvation is starvation, and it was New Year's Eve. Tonight she would come.

He concealed himself in an old crevice in the masonry. It was a perfect hiding place. He could see and hear and not be seen by anyone. About midnight he heard the slow, heavy step of the old lady. She passed close by him and advanced a few yards. He emerged from his hiding place and followed. About to make a quick spring at her, she turned, and faced him. He composed himself with difficulty, tipped his hat and bid her happy New Year in a weak, strained voice.

"Oh, thank 'ee, sir, the same to you, sir."

"Fine weather we been 'avin'!" "Fine, indeed. And fine for that boy of mine what's comin' in tonight from them 'ot 'eather places." The old lady sniffed. Hoskins edged a little closer to her.

"Ain't seen yer boy for some time?" "Only from the bridge 'ere once a year. Ain't seen him 'old in my arms since he was a lad o' twelve. Tife hearse old voice trembled a little—a little broke down. "An' 'ard life for a lad, that, on them ships, and no 'ome, and no 'ard or life for me what's his lawful mother never to lay an arm on him in all these years." Here she broke into a heart-breaking sob. "It's a bad 'un I've been 'avin'—I couldn't let that lad o' mine see his mother was such a miserable old widge. I'd break his 'eart. I got together all I can in the world and give it to him once a year for his 'oliday. It's the best I can do for 'im. I don't know who he thinks I am. He never trusted to find out. But—'er, 'er, there," she shouted suddenly.

The "Amalia" was steaming up the river. It was directly under them now and a little youth in uniform jumped about eagerly on deck, signaling to the old woman on the bridge. She dropped the purse squarely into his hands.

"Deray for 'er Majesty," called the youth, his gay voice continuing to sound merrily as the barge disappeared up the river.

Finally the old woman turned to Hoskins. "Good night, sir, and I'll bless you in the New Year," she said softly, and walked away. Hoskins stood motionless, gazing up the river after the small hairy object that was the barge. There was a sentimental look in his eye, and a softness in the deep of his mouth. "God bless them, he breathed. "I would a been a bad way, that, to begin the New Year."

A NEW YEAR VICTORY

By Katherine Edelman

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there was a warm glow around his heart that made him insensible for the moment to cold and chill.

Within his soul he felt the thrill of victory, a victory won over the greatest enemy the world knows. For, once more his hand had helped to invert the sword of the grim resper—his skill and awareness of touch had brought back another soul from the brink. It had been an emergency call this time, a call that came just as the bells were tolling the birth of the New Year, with the chances 100 to 1 against winning the fight, but again science and skill had added another victory to its long list. George Hamilton would live; his family in the little cottage in Bower street would have him back with them before many days and, instead of mourning and sadness, there would be joy and happiness in the little home. "Thank God that I was able to do it," Doctor Trever whispered to the skies as he got into his little car. "It seems like an omen of good to have this happen just as the year was born."

For this time he knew that he had won a double victory. For many years he had tried hard to interest the old and wealthy Mrs. Whitelake in the building of a new hospital for cancer, to be operated along town and uptown lines. It was simply treated in the town and it had been the dream of Doctor Trever's life since he had come there. Several times he had thought that Mrs. Whitelake was on the point of connecting, but always at the last she had fallen to on the old-fashioned statement that people who just accept off and get along best as well as for before all these new fancies, of these were known.

Then last night had come the call from the Hamiltons. For years the Hamilton family had been cursed by Mrs. Whitelake as the only one of old proteges, and she had spoken her mind quite freely to Doctor Trever this time. "They say the case is almost hopeless, that there is not the equipment in the old hospital to handle such a case and that it cannot be moved to the city. Doctor Trever said there was a chance and you were the only one here that could take it. If you succeed, it means the new hospital within the year."

And as Doctor Trever drove to his home this early New Year morning, the big building, with all its modern equipment for helping humanity, loomed before him already a dream building that would soon become a reality.

A Prayer

By Rev. Alan Pringley Wilson

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ON LORD, we beseech Thee to grant that Jesus the Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith to the end that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and the height and the depth of the love of Christ.

Come into our hearts and lives and dominate our wills as we enter another New Year and grant that we may live all through this year in accordance with Thy divine plan for our lives.

This we ask in the Name and for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

New Years Customs in Scotland

As in France, so in Scotland, New Years is the chief festival of the year. The eve of the day and the day itself are called "Duff Days" or crazy days. And the eve separated from the "daff" is called "Hogmanay." But what this means, no one seems to know. The application of the term is to a custom of children to enrobe themselves in a sheet and go the rounds of houses on New Year's eve, knocking at the doors and crying "Hogmanay." In response they always get an oat cake.

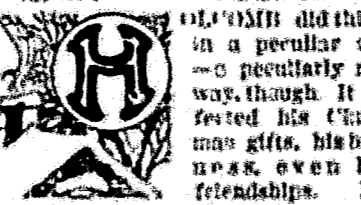
Ho, Hum! Twelve Months Ahead



A Load of Christmas

By Frank Herbert Sweet

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It's all things in a peculiar way—so peculiarly nice way, though it affected his Christmas gifts, his business, even his friendships. But then he was a bachelor of fifty. Then, too, every body loved him, which is a very peculiar thing about a successful business man with competition, you'll admit.

This year Holcomb was very busy, and his Christmas gifts—general gifts, you know—hadn't even occurred to him until two days before the day.

He was passing through a new street between a restaurant and his office, when he saw a small shop with windows crammed with toys—nothing but toys. At this season, nearly the middle of the afternoon, a toy shop ought to be crowded with customers. This shop was closed. On the steps stood a small, anxious looking man, and a big one dragging a large box. It looked like a store-keeper.

Seemed peculiar. So Holcomb went to the steps.

"Like to look at the toys," he began. "Can't now," boomed the big man. "This chap can't pay a bill, so I've taken it. Auction day after tomorrow, I'm sheriff."

"Meaning," said Holcomb, "that if the bill is paid, the store belongs to this man, isn't it?" "Of course—and \$200."

"What's it all worth?" to the little man.

"About \$50 if sold at auction," he boomed. "I picked a bum street. No business."

"What did you pay or agree to pay?" "I did."

"Can't sell until—" nodding toward the sheriff. Holcomb counted out \$200, and passed it to the sheriff.

"Good-by," he said. "Now what do you ask?" to the small man. "I'd rather like \$500, but will be glad to accept half that."

"I'll take the key," to the sheriff. "Thank you. Now where can I find two men to move the box?"

"I'll be one," boomed the man out of business. "I know about toys. And I can get another man from the next building."

"Yes, and I'll bring round my car from the next corner."

Inside of an hour the step was crowded and the box was being moved. Then Holcomb took the most curious of all the country roads, stopping at every house that showed signs of children.

"Hello!" (he would call to any small boy or girl he happened to see; "got some stuff for your home. Please take it in for me. I'm in a hurry. Give you a quarter."

He had provided a pocket heavy with loose quarters. There were about three hours of daylight. When the daylight was gone the car was empty. He was glad of the darkness, for he had to go back by the same road.

Christmas Time

By THOMAS A. CLARK

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ALL the illusions of childhood, I gave up with most reluctance those that clustered around Christmas.

The old saint who climbed down the chimney into the fireplace in our living room and

filled our stockings on Christmas Eve was as real to me as Moses or George Washington or my grandfather or any other person of whom I had heard but whom I had never personally met. He is to me real today when I am in reminiscent moods, perhaps because I have always wanted him to be real. Long after I recognized all the subtleties which were being practiced on me as a child at Christmas time, I never admitted them even to myself, for I was quite willing to submit to the deceptions; I was made happy by all the ceremonies and surprises.

I have never in all my life been away from home at Christmas time; I hope I never shall be. Christmas is for me the most delightful; Christmas memories, the most precious. Everything about our holiday preparations at home was of the simplest



character, but the season was full of possibilities and surprises. The dinner lacked the conventional roast turkey. Instead there was a roast goose or a huge joint of roast beef (following the English custom with which my mother was familiar) with sweet dumplings and gravy. There was always, too, a loaf of spiced bread and plum pudding with a delightful sauce of drawn butter, and there was always followed with nuts and raisins and other goodies.

Just as "home" always suggests to me sugar cookies, hot from the oven, with mother warning me not to eat too many as to make myself sick, so Christmas invariably brings to my mind the thought of raisins. They were in the spiced bread which mother made, the plum pudding was congested with them. I found them always on Christmas morning in my stockings with other good things to eat, and there was regularly on Christmas day a dish of them on the table to be eaten after dinner. It was not altogether what was best to eat that gave Christmas such a high place in my regard, though that helped materially, no doubt. It was the mystery, the anticipation, the preparation and the surprise of it all; the gathering together of all the family, the games, the roaring fire in the fireplace, and the general hilarity and good will prevailing that made Christmas for me the best time of all the holidays of the entire year.

"We are rather outgrowing Christ-

mas," a friend said to me a few days ago. "I don't believe it is ever going to be for any one again just as it used to be."

I suppose not; though there are some events connected with the celebration of Christmas, there is the real Christmas which I am sure I shall never outgrow. If I should hang up my stockings by the fireplace now, I feel just as sure as I ever did that old Saint Nick would get in some way before my going and fill it as he used to do when I was a child. My faith in Christmas has never waned, and my need for it, but with the greatest willingness at Christmas time, and especially since the prices of my own particular varieties of frankincense and myrrh have been so affected by the economic conditions. It is what is in our hearts that makes Christmas real. The song of



the angels is in the air if the Christmas spirit is in our hearts. Christmas is as great a reality as it ever was, if we will make it so, and for us all the angels are again proclaiming as they did that night in Palestine, centuries ago, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

I shall hang up my stockings at Christmas Eve, there will be raisins in it in the morning. I have faith that the old Christmas joys will be mine once more.



NEW ENGLAND NEWS
IN TABLOID FORMNews of General Interest
From the Six States

The state army commissioners have advised the Massachusetts Legislature not to dispose of the muster field at Framingham at a price under \$100,000. The field comprises 112 acres, is assessed at \$56,000, and has not been of large use since the war.

The state legislature which sits in January will be asked for an appropriation of \$35,000 to \$40,000 to pay the expenses of the Vermont National Guard to Washington to witness the Coolidge inauguration. It is stated by Colonel John W. Tinker, commander of the 172nd Infantry.

The Penobscot River in Maine is closed to navigation for the season of 1924. The tug Walter Ross, which came up the river to open a channel for two coal barges, anchored down the bay, cleared, and had a hard time getting out, as the narrows were jammed with broken ice frozen into a solid mass.

The first child to be born in the village of Plymouth, Vt., since Calvin Coolidge took the oath of office as President of the United States, August 3, 1923, was born December 11, and, according to the decision of the parents was named Calvin Coolidge Rogers. The parents of the boy are Louis E. and Lena Rogers.

The estate left by the late Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was estimated at approximately \$1,000,000 at the Probate Court, Salem, Mass., where his will was filed. The bulk of the estate went to his son, John Ellerton Lodge, and to his grandson, Henry Cabot Lodge, 2nd, with provision also for Mrs. Constance Williams, his daughter.

The late Mrs. Isabella Stewart Gardner, widow of John L. Gardner, left an estate consisting of \$11,290,495 in personal property and \$472,500 in real estate, a total of \$11,762,995, according to an inventory filed in the Suffolk Probate Court by Charles Sumner Bird, Morris Carter and William Caleb Loring, appraisers.

John Belogh, 8 years old, shot and his sister, and two younger children their home in Ashford, Ct. The boy, his sister, and two younger children were left at home by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Belogh, who had gone to the barn. The boy took a loaded shotgun from a closet and was playing with it, when it was discharged, tearing a great hole in his sister's neck.

More than 50 ornamental iron and bronze manufacturers of Massachusetts gathered at the Boston City Club to form a state branch of the National Association of Ornamental Iron and Bronze Manufacturers. Several of the officers of the latter association were present and told of the advantages gained by belonging to such a national body. H. A. Lerner, vice-president of the A. L. Smith Iron Works of Chelsea, presided.

William T. Miller, principal of the Washington Irving Intermediate school, Roslindale, Mass., has been awarded first prize for Massachusetts in the essay contest conducted last September in connection with the observance of New England week. Arthur H. Morino of Warren, R. I., won first prize in his state. In both cases the prize consisted of \$25. Winning prizes and honors in essay contests has become somewhat of a habit with Mr. Miller. In 1918 he won first prize of \$75 for the best essay among hundreds submitted from several states on "Why the United States is at War with Germany."

The northern tier of the New England states showed little change in industrial conditions last month, but Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, each showed improvement. It was said in the monthly survey of the United States employment service of the department of labor in each instance there were mixed variations in conditions, part time work in cotton mills and a slackening of work in shoe plants with active woolen operations, building construction on a continued large scale, seasonal activity in the jewelry trades and a shortage of farm labor to some extent. Industrial employment conditions in Massachusetts showed some improvement during November over the previous month. The textile mills have increased operating time and added to their forces in certain sections of the state. A slight slackening in the shoe industry was noted this month. Jewelry and granite industries operated on normal basis. Metal plants have increased their working forces and building activities and highway construction continued to give employment to a large number of craftsmen.

Miss Helen Osgood, secretary of the Lynn, Mass., Associated Charities and woman probation officer at the Lynn district court, says that the pocket book, jeans and any automobile parties are causing contributing to the downfall of girls of the present. Her remarks were prompted as the result of incidents coming to her notice in her dual capacity. To attempt to control this growing evil, she says, the style of dress must be changed and sex matters taught in the high schools under proper supervision.

BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

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U. S. Department of Agriculture

For Week Ending December 25, 1924

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: Apples closed about steady, with a moderate demand. Supplies of Maine barreled stock were comparatively light. No. 1 Hallowell closed at \$4.40 and No. 2 at \$4.20. Unclassified Hallowell closed at \$3.75-4.25; spys at \$3.00-3.50, with poor stock low as \$2.50. Another David at \$2.00-2.50. Street sales of Western boxed stock were light. Staymans closing at \$3.00 for extra fancy stock. \$2.75 for fancy and \$2.50-2.50 for C grade. Potatoes were steady, with market conditions unchanged. Maine 100 lb. sacks of Green Mt. closed at \$1.10-1.15. Demand was limited for the greater part of the week. Midwestern and N. Y. State 100 lb. sacks of Yellow onions closed steady at \$2.50-3.00, depending on quality and condition. Spanish Valencians sold at \$1.50-1.50 per crate. Conditions in the Conn. Valley show no change. Most shippers are waiting for a higher market before offering stock. Dutch cabbage closed at \$1.15 per crate, with fancy stock high as \$1.25. Barrels closed mostly \$1.50-1.75 for large stock, and \$1.15-1.25 for small. Sweet potatoes closed weak at \$1.15-1.25 for No. 1, and \$1.00-1.15 for No. 2. Potatoes closed low as \$1.00-1.50. Florida 100 lb. sacks of Romanes sold at \$2.50 for fancy stock. Grade containing 32 heads of this Boston stock closed at \$2.00. Calif. crates of peas sold with a limited demand at \$1.75. A few crates of Florida baby peppers sold at \$1.50-2.00. N. Y. 2-2 crates of celery were about steady at \$2.00 for best.

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS: Butter—Market has ruled firm on top grades of storage centralized cars with the demand centering on these. Fresh and storage wholemilk have ruled about steady and moved out only in a small way. Extra have shown practically no change and at the close prices were 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢. Market has ruled irregular on fresh goods with prices working lower. Nearby eggs have been in liberal supply and have been offered from unusual sources at low prices. Fine storage eggs have been moving satisfactorily and are in fairly limited supply. At the close prices were 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢. Nearby extras up to 27¢, all brown up to 25¢.

DRESSED POULTRY: Poultry continued easier with supply a little in excess of the demand and the exception of the few fowl, chickens steady under a slight speculative demand. Poultry 1 lb. 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢. Chickens large 22-23¢, small 22-23¢. Broilers large 22-23¢, small 22-23¢. Roosters 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢. Steady Poultry 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢, 22-23¢. Chickens 22-23¢.

The Massachusetts motor vehicle registry suspended or revoked 14,154 licenses and registrations in the year ended Nov. 30, according to a statement issued by Registrar Frank A. Goodwin.

Edwin A. Cole, about 70 years old, who was arrested in Lynn, pleaded guilty before Associate Justice Stevens in the Lynn district court to a charge of keeping and selling liquor. He told the court he had no money with which to pay and would rather go to the electric chair than pay a fine for selling liquor, anyway. He was given two months in the house of correction and did not appeal.

Under the command of Major General Morris B. Payne of Connecticut, a new division of National Guard troops, the 43rd, has become active, according to an announcement by Colonel Henry G. Leonard, officer in charge of National Guard affairs for the First Corps area, Boston. The division includes all National Guard units in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut. General Payne was promoted from brigadier general to major general by the governor of Connecticut on authority of Secretary of War Weeks, and his appointment took effect as of December 10.

William Keating, for whom funeral services were held in Portland, Me., on August 17, 1923, and whose supposed body was buried on that day in Calvary cemetery, is in Portland. Keating left his wife and baby daughter on May 15 of last year to seek work in New York city, planning to work his way on a freight steamer leaving Portland. His wife did not hear from him and when a body was found floating in the water off the state pier on August 15, the features unrecognizable and the clothing similar to that worn by Keating when she last saw him, she identified the body as that of her husband.

Much interest has been aroused by the yield from an experiment orchard at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. The orchard is 15 years old, an age when many commercial orchards are considered so old that they are ready for the axe, and Dr. J. K. Rogers, a pomologist who devised a system of identification and certifying varieties of young nursery fruit, announced that the 1924 crop from 2000 aged trees totaled 2223 barrels their largest crop. This block of trees, an experiment in commercial fruit operations, has sandy soil and location that can be called only fair, being on the blistery side of a high hill that slopes off the superior light Rhode Island greenings. However, Rhode Island greenings, Norway spruce, balsam poplar and Gravenstein are the varieties grown there. They are strip-cultivated and covered.

With the Central and South American Coast as their probable destination, Dr. Henry C. Rowland of Washington, D. C., and Richard Matthews Hallet of Boothbay Harbor, Me., left there in a 41-foot "ketch" a single-masted boat, for a cruise of five months in a year. The boat named "Mary" for their wives was recently completed. It has auxiliary power, furnished by an engine of 12 horsepower. It is 16 feet, while its draft is only four feet six inches, which will enable the writers to cruise among the coral islands.

WHY

Parents Are Responsible for Children Lying.

Lying is—well, all men are liars. I hear parents lying to their children every day of my life, writes A. S. Neill, in the London News. "Don't touch that. Here's the policeman coming!" "Nice children don't ask for a third helping."

Quite a lot of child lying is inflation of the parents. I blame the parents every time a child lies. If he lies because he is afraid to tell, the parents know nothing about children. Free children never lie; at least they never tell cowardly lies. The egoistic lie, "I saw 10 funerals today, mummy," is an attempt to make oneself important. When we grow up we adopt other methods—write articles for papers, sing, act and wear loud clothes. All are mostly childish lies in their essence—but dear things to us. The child who lies through phantasy is no more a sinner than a novelist is.

Long experience has forced me to the conclusion that it is our out-of-date system of educating children that makes our children neurotic and difficult. When parents cease to try to mold the character of their children a new era for children will arrive. I marvel at the daring of parents. Which of us is good enough to tell a child how to live? I think of our generation and what it has done. We still have wars and slums and crime and hate and scandal—and we dare tell a child how to live. I would smile if the results were not so tragic.

Why Indians Scalped Their Fallen Enemies

Roger Williams, writing of the tribe of Narragansett Indians, in 1633, says: "Timequassio: To cut off or behead—which they are most libidinal to do in right: For whenever they wound and take away the scalp of the body of their enemy, they (flying to valorous, and cowardly) follow their arrow, and falling upon the person wounded and tearing his head a little aside by the lock, they in the twinkling of an eye fetch off his head though but with a sorry knife."

Scalping was occasionally performed as an act of torture, but was commonly merely the taking of the whole or a part of the hair and skin of an enemy's head as a trophy to show that the possessor had slain a foe. As the Detroit News. It was only necessary to take the little part on the crown where the hair radiates, the "cowlick." This part was demanded, because there is only one such place on any given head, and therefore cheating was eliminated.

Why Fish Meal Is Valuable

Fish meal that can be used for cattle food is one of the upspring by-products of the great fisheries industries that center at Glimsay, England. As in all canning and packing centers, there accumulate great quantities of offal, as well as of discarded fish unfit for food. These are sent to garbage reduction plants that extract oil, glue, linoleum and fertilizer, and convert the better class of scrap into a fine fish meal. This is used for chicken food, and it has also been discovered that cattle will relish and thrive on a certain proportion of this meal mixed with their other feed. It is believed that this is the only case so far on record of cattle becoming carnivorous.

Why Eye Trouble Abounds

At a meeting of the American College of Reading was sounded by Sir Henry Linden Ferguson of New Zealand, one of the speakers. "Eyes were not meant for reading," he said, "but were intended for use in the jungle in looking out for wild animals and searching for food. It is only within the last 200 years that reading has become a matter of course for the general public and is largely responsible for the great amount of eye trouble today."

Why Turquoise Was Valued

In Europe it was once believed that the most turquoise was a volcanic product, or fortunate. Because the turquoise frequently changes color, turning from a sky blue shade to a puer greenish blue, people fastened a superstition to it, saying that the stone shows when the air was pure, but became dim when ill fortune was about. Turquoise, when worn, were considered insurance against a person's being struck by lightning or being drowned.

Why Grade Crossings Last

In first-class railroads alone there are in the United States 253,293 grade crossings. To eliminate these would cost on the average of \$75,000 each, or a round total of \$19,000,000,000, a sum on which the annual interest charges would be almost \$1,000,000,000.

Why Grilling Kills Trees

A grilled tree dies because the tender bark and living sapwood are severed. Vital connection is thus cut off between the roots, which take up water and raw food material and the leaves which transform water and raw material into plant food.

Why Caster Bean Is Unsafe

It is unsafe to have caster beans where there are children about, two seeds contain enough ricin, the poisonous principle of castor beans and the deadliest compound in the world, to kill a child.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Westinghouse Radio Station WBZ
Springfield, Mass.
337 Meters—890 Kilocycles

Thursday

11:55 A. M. Arlington time signals; weather reports; Springfield market report.

6:30 P. M. Leo Reisman Hotel Lenox ensemble.

7 P. M. Market report, as furnished by the United States department of agriculture of Boston.

7:05 P. M. Bedtime story for the kiddies, from the Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

7:15 P. M. Letter from the New England Homestead; "At the Theatre," with A. L. S. Wood, dramatic editor, Springfield Union, from the Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

7:45 P. M. Charles R. Hector with his St. James Theatre orchestra, direct from the St. James Theatre, Boston.

8:15 P. M. Program by Lina Scott Jeffcott, dramatic soprano, from the Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

8:30 P. M. Concert direct from the Estey organ studio, through the Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

8:45 P. M. Senior choir of St. John's Congregational Church, under the direction of Troy P. Gorum, featuring a special request program, from the Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

9 P. M. Continuation of program from the Estey organ studio, through the Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

9:15 P. M. Musical program continued by the Senior choir of the St. John's Congregational Church, from the Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

Friday

11:55 A. M. Arlington time signals; weather reports; Springfield market report.

7 P. M. Market reports as furnished by the United States department of agriculture at Boston.

7:05 P. M. Bedtime story for the kiddies, from the Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

7:15 P. M. Current Book Review prepared by the Court Square Book Store, from the Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

7:30 P. M. Lesson of a course in "Musical Appreciation," given under the auspices of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts department of education, with Prof. Stuart Mason of the New England Conservatory of Music as lecturer, from the Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

8:55 P. M. Arlington time signals; official United States weather reports.

Saturday

11:55 A. M. Arlington time signals; weather reports.

6 P. M. Leo Reisman and his Hotel Lenox ensemble.

6:30 P. M. Topley-Plaza orchestra, under direction of W. Edward Doyle.

7 P. M. Market report as furnished by the United States department of agriculture at Boston.

7:05 P. M. Bedtime story for the kiddies, from the Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

7:30 P. M. Concert by the Hotel Kimball Trio, direct from the Hotel Kimball dining room under the direction of Jan Geerts.

8 P. M. Program arranged by Arthur Wilson, presenting Dorothy George, mezzo soprano; Joseph Lauer, tenor; Lela Wilson Lauer, accompanist, from the Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

9 P. M. Program by Mr. Leo Wells, violinist, with assisting soloists from the Wellman Conservatory of Music, from the Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

9:30 P. M. Concert by C. P. Helm, trompeteer, from the Hotel Brunswick, Boston.

9:55 P. M. Arlington time signals; official U. S. weather report.

10 P. M. Supper recital by Mrs. Grace Mirfano, Mrs. Ruth Hahn, accompanist, from the Hotel Kimball studio, Springfield.

11:30 P. M. Hotel Brunswick orchestra.

Broadcasting Station WHEI, Edison Light of Boston—600 Watts, 563 Meters

8 P. M. Jack Beach and His Moon and Jan Orchestra.

7:00 P. M. Boston Edison Big Brother Club.

7:30-8:30 P. M. Monstrous.

9 P. M. Gilders Safety Razor Singers.

10:30 P. M. Dick Eisenberg and his Sinfonians.

7:00 P. M. Boston Edison Big Brother Club.

7:45 P. M. Concert by the Choir of Our Lady of Lourdes Church of Beachwood.

8:15 P. M. John T. Connor Company presents Capt. Perry Hedden "Fred in a Boat" to heart chat on "Spectacular ship."

8:30 P. M. Current continuity of all short company.

9 P. M. Program from New York Studio—R. Foster & Company's Astor Coffee House Orchestra.

Saturday

Silent.

9:45-5:36 P. M. Men's Conference in the Bedford Branch, Y. M. C. A., Brooklyn, N. Y.

7:20-9:15 P. M. Musical program by "Roxie and his Gang" direct from the Capitol Theatre, New York City.

7 P. M. Boston Edison Big Brother Club.

6:30 P. M. Dick Eisenberg and his Sinfonians direct from the Amber Room, T. D. Cook's, Boston.

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8:45 P. M. "Buddy's Bostonians" from the Fenway Theatre, Boston.

9:30 P. M. The Mendelssohn Singers.

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7:30 P. M. Somerford Mandolin Quintet, Myrtle M. Shattuck, leader.

8:15 P. M. The Daxter Trio.

Sunday

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10 P. M. Program from New York Studio—Goodrich Silvertown Cora Orchestra.

6:30 P. M. Dick Eisenberg and his Sinfonians direct from the Amber Room, T. D. Cook's, Boston.

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Better have that radiator filled with Denatured Alcohol in the right proportion so that it will not freeze. Alcohol is cheaper than radiators.

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We will come and get your battery and keep it for you through the winter. Batteries repaired and charged.

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A gift to the family—one that all may enjoy the year round. Those long cold winter evenings pass all too quickly when there is a radio in your house. We have a complete line of radio sets.

The Radiola Two

America's Best two tube set

to the

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The set that during the Trans-Atlantic Test repeatedly heard London, Brussels, and Paris, France, in South Paris, Maine.

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GOV. KLEOT PRAISES HEALTH WORK

Governor-elect Ralph O. Brewster, in a statement issued recently, expressed his "cordial sympathy" with the work of the Maine Public Health Association, with its "constructive program of health for all." He paid particular attention to the policy of the association in trying to bring about better public health through "individual initiative and responsibility and upon education on health matters rather than compulsion."

A statement concerning the views of Maine's governor-elect was requested as a part of the annual statewide campaign which is now on for the sale of Christmas Health Bonds and Health Bonds for the raising of funds with which to carry on the work of the Maine Public Health Association and its local branches and committees is made possible. The statement is full follows:

"Complying with the invitation for an expression regarding the work of the Maine Public Health Association, I am very glad to indicate my cordial sympathy with your constructive program for 'Health for All.' Your emphasis upon individual initiative and responsibility in these matters and upon education rather than compulsion as a means of improving the conditions of health among our people, seem to me to warrant the very substantial support which you have gained throughout our state and the firm place which you have come to occupy among our civic activities."

Folly of Worrying

Our real work does not lie in half as much as worrying over some difficult task which might come to us, but which never does come.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LAND OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

Noted Taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1924.

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William A. Campbell	Land on Foster Hill	18.00	21.60
Robert G. Clark	Homestead Farm	72.00	72.00
Miss M. A. Johnson	Homestead Farm	72.00	72.00
John Jordan	Homestead Farm	72.00	72.00
George H. Moore	Part of Appleton Land	5.00	5.00
Miss M. A. Johnson	Homestead Farm	42.00	42.00
Robert G. Clark	Homestead Farm	25.00	25.00
Miss M. A. Johnson	Homestead Farm	216.00	216.00
Frank Warren	Homestead Farm	18.00	18.00
Miss M. A. Johnson	Homestead Farm	21.60	21.60
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Miss M. A. Johnson	Homestead Farm	43.20	43.20
Thomas E. Westinghouse	Homestead Farm	23.40	23.40

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Edwin Anderson	Homestead Farm	18.00	21.60
Edwin Anderson	Part of Appleton Land	5.00	5.00
Edwin Anderson	Homestead Farm	28.80	28.80
Edwin Anderson	Homestead Farm	25.00	25.00
Edwin Anderson	Homestead Farm	4.00	4.00
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Given Needed Lesson in Respecting Flag

With a little American flag rammed up in his grimy hand a motor tourist from the North, who had stopped in a small town in Georgia, was writing a contributor to the Youth's Companion, busily wiping the mud from various parts of his car. An old man—a typical Southern colored—made his way through the crowd of onlookers and asked the tourist politely whether he couldn't find something less sacred with which to clean his car.

"I guess it's my business and not yours if I want to clean my car with this little old rag," replied the motorist in a surly tone.

The old man's lips tightened. Years before he had served with the Confederate army in the hope of making the flag a foreign emblem, but all that was left of him now was a rag.

When the tourist appeared the old man was quick to react, even to the point of drawing his knife. But he was too late. Southern patriotism demanded that the flag be respected. And Southern justice demanded that the Confederate perform the ceremony.

The tourist chose the sensible course: it was the only way out of his predicament. He quailed the flag in his hand, placing it on the ground, touched a match to it while Southern whites and Northern tourists alike bared their heads, and at once the trees the handsome monument to the heroes of the South, erected by the founders of the Confederacy, looked approvingly down upon them.

Proves England Once Had Tropical Climate

England 100,000 years ago, was a tropical country in which the inhabitants hunted elephants and other animals of the warmer climates with skillful made weapons, in the opinion of Maj. A. G. Wade, British archaeologist, who recently has made important discoveries in the gravel pits near Farnham, Dorsetshire.

Among the relics found were the remains of mammoths, elephants, woolly rhinoceros and beautifully made flint instruments. The finding of the remains of the mammoth and the rhinoceros has no bearing on the climatic theory, according to Major Wade, who said both had thick coats and could have lived in a cold climate.

"With the elephant," he said, "the case is different. He not only was a warm weather animal, but needed a tropical climate."

The flint instruments consist of great hand axes, oval-shaped discoidal implements larger than a man's hand which probably were used for skinning and cutting up large animals and according to Major Wade, the persons who used them had attained a much higher degree of civilization than those of the Neolithic period who followed them.

Major Wade placed the age of his discoveries at 100,000 years, basing his estimate on the depth at which they were found under the gravel of the old bed of the Wey river.

How Man Is Affected by Climatic Changes

How far change of climate and locally will in the course of time modify physical characters is a point upon which there appears to be a conflict of evidence, says Prof. James A. Lindzey in the Nineteenth Century. The Jew, so careful of the preservation of his racial purity, seems in all countries to retain his physical characteristics. It is said that after six generations the British residents in Barbados show no variation from the average Anglo-Saxon type. On the other hand, there is evidence that a company of a few hundred Germans of Wurtemberg, who in the year 1810 settled in Transcaucasia, in a few generations lost many of their original features, and became approximated to the prevailing Georgian type, although there had been no intermarriage. There is some reason to believe that the United States is developing an American type of which squariness of jaw is one of the features. In Australia there is an impression that the fourth generation is developing a relatively tall and slender figure, the so-called "corn-stalk" type, although it may be doubted whether the physique of the Australian military forces in the great war corroborated this view. The whole subject is a highly obscure.

How Brain Affects Eye

The man who is clumsy with his hands, who cannot perform delicate tasks with tools, shoot straight or play such a game as baseball probably lacks a correct balance between the muscular systems of his two eyes, R. C. Clements, British physician and aviator, told the psychologists of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. This observation resulted from studies of eye disorders which rendered British pilots incapable of landing airplanes successfully during the war. Two factors are involved in successful binocular vision, he said. The impulses which are received from the two eyes must be interpreted correctly by the brain. In response to this stimulus there must be efficient coordination of the muscles responding. In many cases, says the Medical Journal and Record, such defects can be removed by special visual training exercises.

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HOW SENSE OF SMELL AIDS IN DETECTION OF FLAVOR.

What we know as taste is a somewhat more complicated sense than is commonly supposed. Now, with the sense of taste alone it is only possible to detect four flavors, which are sweet, sour, bitter and salt. All the more delicate flavors are discerned with the aid of the sense of smell. This is easily proved by holding the nostrils when eating any kind of food, for instance. In such conditions it is quite impossible to detect the specific flavor of the fruit.

A yet more curious point is to be found in the fact that the ability to taste is to an extent, at any rate, dependent upon sight. Few persons can detect the difference between beer and stout if they drink with their eyes closed. There are also a certain number of persons about who cannot tell tea from coffee if they shut their eyes when drinking.

Most of the men blinded during the war lost all pleasure in smoking; they said the tobacco had no flavor to them. In many cases by using stronger tobacco the lost pleasure in smoking has been regained. An interesting test for ordinary people, suggests a Scientific American authority, is to close the eyes while smoking a pipe or a cigarette. It is amazing the difference that it makes, proving beyond all doubt that seeing the curling smoke has a great deal to do with appreciating the aroma of the tobacco.

So all this seems to indicate that, after all, the sense of smell and sight are highly important in exercising our full sense of taste.

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RADIO

(Edited by G. Douglas Wardrop, Editor of Radio Merchandise)

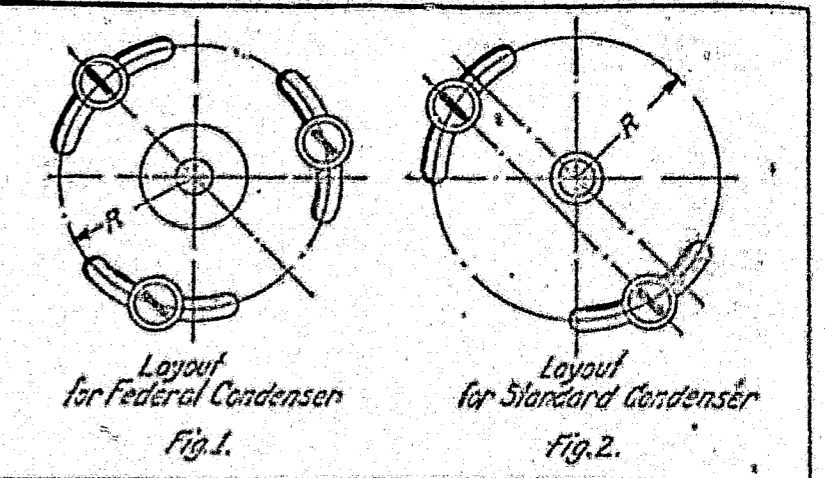


Diagram of the Universal Vernier That Locates Holes for Condenser—A Useful Kink for Builders of Radio Sets.

By R. J. ROBBINS

Since the inception of the new tunable transformers for R. F. circuits it has been found desirable to devise some method of locating the various units so that the whole from the vertical may be readily varied without dismantling and re-bolting panel several times. It is, of course, possible to construct the transformer in such a way that it can be mounted to the panel by a single bolting in the center. This is quite obviously the most practical method of getting around the difficulty, and the writer has noted one or two such makers offered for sale. For the benefit of those who have to contend with mounting screws and other attempts at the following idea may be of some benefit.

There are probably as many different makes of variable condensers as there are breeds of dogs, so the writer will make no attempt to make this into a catalogue of all the ones which may be used.

We will assume as a starter that an angle of 45 degrees will be the medium angle, and that the direction in which the unit will revolve may be an equal distance either to right or left of this point. This enables us to place the transformer either in a position nearly vertical or nearly horizontal as desired.

We will consider but two common types of condenser and leave the rest to the ingenuity of the reader if he happens to have a condenser which does not come within the specifications mentioned. The first is relative to any type of condenser which mounts by means of three or more screws, all of which are located on a circle and spaced equidistantly. This is exemplified by the well known Federal, which mounts with three screws, or the Malone-Lemmon, which uses four. In each case these are all located symmetrically as regards the center, which opens up the possibility of changing the angle of the whole by a very simple expedient. This consists of cutting slots along the circle on which the holes are laid out in which the screws may slide smoothly. These slots are to be made 3/16 of an inch wide and are all of the same exact length. It is necessary that there be laid out very carefully with dividers and a steel square.

How to Proceed.

The procedure will be roughly as follows:

1. Strike lightly the circle on which the various holes are located.
2. Strike two more, one of a radius smaller by 1/32 of an inch, the other larger by the same distance. The two latter circles form the main outline of the slots.
3. Divide the circle into quadrants and bisect one of the angles to obtain a 45-degree angle.
4. Working from the point on the circle, set the dividers so as to trisect the circle. (Or divide in four if there are four mounting screws).
5. Lay aside the large dividers and get a small pair, which set at about one-half or five-eighths of an inch, according to desired length of slot. Set dividers at each of the three (or four) points previously located and step off distances each side of the center points.
6. Pencil punch these points carefully. Drill a 3/16 of an inch hole at each of these points, taking care that the drill does not creep in the least. These holes form the rounded ends of the slots, and the remaining part should now be carefully finished by drilling out and filing until the finished slots are perfectly smooth and the screws will slide to them as the transformer is turned. A 3/16 of an inch hole is drilled in the center to permit the slot to be used as a guide. All that is necessary now to finish the job will be to unscrew the transformer and turn the screws to the center of the slot. A small square can now be used to guide the screws to the center of the slot. It will now be found to be a simple matter to turn the unit in the direction desired and after loosening the screws to locate the condenser screw accurately in place.

Other Type of Condenser.

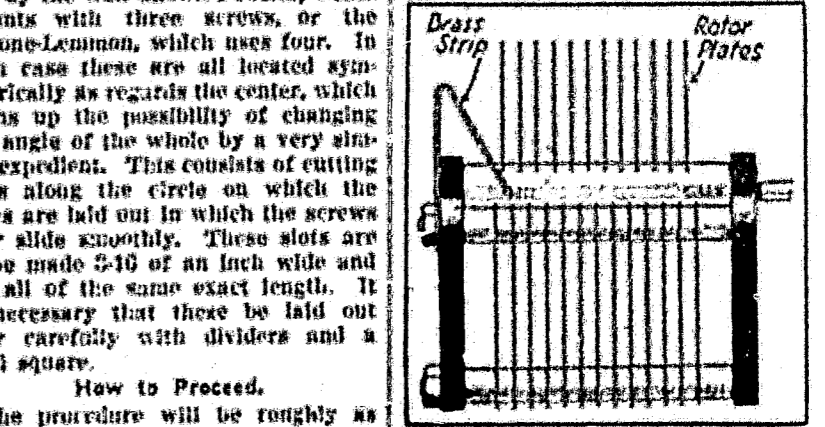
The other type of condenser is the standard form as exemplified by the Meyer, P. R. Tool, Signal, etc. These all mount by means of two screws located on a line one-quarter of an inch offset from the center line. The method of applying this idea is very similar to that outlined above for the Federal. In this case the vertical and horizontal center lines are drawn first and the location of the 45-degree angle

Arrangement to Obviate Use of an Extra Switch

In many cases, particularly that of the antenna series condenser, it is often desirable to cut a condenser out of the circuit. The arrangement described is ideal for this purpose as it makes unnecessary the use of an extra switch, or a change in the lead in wiring.

As shown in the drawing, it consists of a brass strip, pointed at one end, and fastened under the nut belonging to one of the rods which hold

the stationary plates together. It may be placed on either the front or back end of the condenser, but must be on the left side. It should be carefully shaped so that it will make contact with the outside rotary plate when the dial is turned slightly below zero. A condenser with this attachment should not be placed in any circuit where when it is shorted, the "A" or "B" batteries will also be shorted—Radio News.



Condenser is Shorted When Rotary Plates Touch Brass Strip.

Variable Condenser Most Important Unit

The variable condenser is considered the most important unit in a radio receiver. Unless it is very carefully designed and constructed, it will completely wreck even the most efficient circuit. The best possible condenser design is one whereby there are positive stops provided in such manner that when the rotary plates are completely meshed in the stationary plates they cannot be turned any further in the same direction, and are automatically returned to their original position as the condenser is turned. The plates are so constructed that the stationary plates, when a condenser is turned, it is possible to make a definite stop. The other end of the dial is provided to point to the finding part provided to enable the user to use the condenser to his advantage. This is a description of a condenser—New York Herald Tribune.

Two Nails and Block Make Bus-Bar Bender

A handy bus-bar bender may be made from two ten penny nails and a small piece of wood one-half inch thick. Drive the nails into the wood, leaving about one-quarter of an inch protruding. The nails should be placed close enough together to just allow a piece of bus-bar to slip between them. The wood is then placed at right angles to the bus-bar and the nails are inserted into the bus-bar between the nails and bent it in the desired direction.

How Mail Box "Travels"

On a R. F. 11 route at Meredith, N. H., there is an ingenious traveling mail box on the Robinson place. The box runs on wheels, through the woods, the trees having been trimmed to allow the progress of the mail box from the highway to the picturesque situated farmhouse. When the carrier has placed the mail in the box he gives the wire a tug and a member of the household, perched on a large tree-branch of a maple, pulls the wire and the box and wheels the box to its destination.

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WANT COLUMN

Twenty-five words or less, one week, 25 cents; second week, 15 cents; each additional week, 10 cents.
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Who's my Jersey, say Sophie Termonter. Sophie Termonter's the leading family of Jerseys are bred and raised here.

STEPHEN R. ANDRETT
Maplehurst
H. E. D. J. Bethel, Maine

THORNTONLAND FOR SALE—Heavily timbered with hardwood and some spruce. For particulars inquire of or write S. L. FORTBUSH, Bethel, Me. 2-25-11

TO HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS—St. J. Hen, Spring St., Bethel, Me., wants to buy your deer skins and catch of furs, also birds, skins and pelts. His grading is liberal and prices are good. 10-23-11

WANTED—Ash and basswood logs. Will pay \$10 for ash, \$20 for basswood. S. E. THURSTON & SON, Bethel, Me. 2-25-11

FOR SALE—Single, driving harness and work harness. Inquire of FRED KRAUSE, Bethel, Maine. 12-19

WANTED—Washings to do. Inquire of H. M. GORDON, Bethel, Me.

FOUND—Sum of money. Inquire of JOHN HARRISON, Motor Garage, Bethel. 12-25-11

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and doors made to your order,
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Save Coal

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Order Early

and have that piazza glazed
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Estimates given.

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WEST PARIS
New York of Bethel has been a recent guest of Rev. H. B. Forbes. Mrs. Mary Decker of Norway was the guest Thursday and Friday of her sister, Mrs. George Decker, and family. Mrs. Marie Lacey and wife were of South Paris are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Borden.

Above Misses have returned from a two week trip to New York and Fall River.

Miss Mildred Thayer is at home from teaching in Massachusetts. Miss Helen Davis is at home from St. Lawrence College, and Myrtle Bell from teaching in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. William Borden were in Norway Tuesday.

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Have Georgette Stole
at Either End.

Agnes has a collection that very much resembles her models of last winter, notes a Paris fashion correspondent in the New York Herald-Tribune. The line is straight and slim, with a judicious use of the flare, and the waistline is still low. The long-lined cross-over corsage, dear to the middle-aged woman of ponderous proportions, plays a large part in this clothing. Indeed, in many cases, it is an obvious fact that the dress is intended for this expected portion of humanity whose existence is practically ignored by most of the other couturiers, that the slender models look rather old-fashioned wearing them.

A new note is sounded by the separate fur collars that are made to wear with evening and afternoon gowns. They are flat, six to eight inches wide, with fur trim and a row of buttons or studs of dyed hare or rabbit about half a yard long. At each end is a strip of georgette crepe, about four inches of black lined by two bands of gold color to half a yard of royal blue in one instance. A short length of dark gray joined to a longer one of lighter gray to another three are a charming combination and likely to be much imitated.

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Style of Ring to Grace
Milady's Dainty Finger

"I want the big marquise ring," said the pretty girl with the handsome man in the jeweler's shop. "You're going to have the small ring with the pearl setting," said her fiance. "I'm proud of your hands, Mrs. Bell, but they are short and plump, and a marquise ring will suit them."

Observant man. Long-fingered ladies, with tapering digits, can wear any size or shape of ring they like, may have a large of jade on the forefinger if fancy takes them, or an emerald square surrounded by diamonds. While small, slender fingers may look best on their hands, big ones suit them.

But for small hands, short square hands or plump hands, thin bands of gold and jewels in two diamond set rings are best. Two small diamonds set on a chain along to each other, set on a small band, whereas a big emerald ring can make the finger appear too large.

Another thing to consider is the texture and color of the skin. The skin on some hands are pitted and need one of diamonds and one of pearls. No more pearls, which are so susceptible to damage because of their softness. Will to choose because far best. The woman with even-skinned hands and feet that wears a diamond ring and a pearl ring will look well, and that with a single diamond ring can make all the difference to the look of her hands. —London Answers

Flowers Supply Touch of Red

Flowers in a dress cannot be a delusive suggestion on a cold winter day. A dress which completes the countenance of the model is sure to be in a shade of red or red.

Curtains

If the curtains are used on long open cases, they should not be any more conspicuous in color or design than the curtains themselves.

Brown and Red Plaid,
Fox Collar and Cuffs

Warm and lovely is this chic coat made of a roughly woven woolen cloth in brown and red plaid, trimmed at collar and cuffs with fox.

Coats and Other Clothes
for Woman Who Is Stout

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The stout woman's coat should be rather plain, and whatever ornamentation it does have should be perpendicular to the line. Horizontal effects are to be avoided throughout, and the "straight up and down effect" every plump woman loves can be achieved by the cut of the coat itself, as well as by the trimming. Holts and overfullness, for instance, are to be avoided. And a V-shaped neckline is slenderizing. The beltless coat seems especially designed for the stout woman, since it is placed, tends to cut her height and to broaden her figure.

Sleeves are an important consideration. Never should they border on the full, top-of-mutton type, regardless of style. The longer and more slender they are in effect, the better. The sleeves should either be quite without ornament or they should have only a little braiding, or similar trim, applied in spaced-out effect.

The stout woman should remember this general rule as she selects her winter coat: Any part of the figure that is too prominent should not be accentuated by ornamentation. The correctly proportioned part, rather, should be brought into prominence and the others subdued.

Straightline Unbelted
Coat Dress Is Favored

The straightline unbelted coat dress, button closed at the front or lapping in wide double-breasted effect, is a pronounced favorite for autumn, says the Philadelphia Ledger. These smart, tailored frocks are all provided with close-fitting wrist-length sleeves and flared hems at the neck either cut high or finished with shawl or high collar and lined with plush or velvet. Smooth surface cool fabrics in plain, checked or fine stripe effects are suggested materials, as well as plain and fancy knits and some of the broader cloth silks. Smart effects in these coat dresses are to be made up with wide white bands, collars, cuffs, and cuffs. —London Answers

Latest Theater Wrap

If you happen to choose a wrap and then think, and then the wrap for the latest theater wrap. This wrap is of warm cloth lined with velvet, with a row of buttons at the neck and cuffs and a row of buttons at the waist.

Exquisite Scarfs

Heavy black scarves do not have cut-out ends or silk designs applied with gold thread. A satin scarf has a wide border, the center of that one and can be drawn through the other and the ends allowed to hang down the back, where they are looped.

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increased postal revenues. The Postmaster General insists that the Postoffice Department is not going to include the pay increases in a greater deficit. Shakespeare would define such a situation as "it is neither here nor there," and President Coolidge agrees with Bard William of Avon, and argues further for a little consistency when it comes to spending seventy million dollars extra a year. Just what will be done about it all, aside from the matter of the President's veto, is not at all certain; but it is in the natural order of events that Congress will find some way to increase revenues sufficiently in order to pay a better wage to the men and women in the postal service.

MELTING POT IS OVERWORKED

The United States Immigration Service held down the immigration from quota countries of Europe to 414,363 during the past year, but 461,920 came over from Canada and Mexico, with the result that the total immigration was one of the greatest in history for a single year. Official reports indicate that the whole of Europe would come to America if we would permit that kind of immigration. Washington authorities say that border "hottlegging" of aliens is highly organized.

OIL PRODUCTION

When Lizzie goes to the gas tank she gets cheaper gas than last year. Official statistics show that there has been too great a production of petroleum to admit of successful efforts to keep down prices. Mother Earth seems more liberal than the oil barons, and the latter are trying to limit the supply in order to boost the prices.

ANDOVER

F. D. McAllister was in Portland last week to attend the radio demonstration.

Sunday morning the thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero.

The young people organized their Whist Club, Thursday evening, with whist and dancing in the town hall. The officers elected are: Laurence Parsons, President; Chester Sweet, Vice President; John Ellis, Secretary and Treasurer. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

Marjorie Noble is spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Worthley.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Vard Perkins has been receiving treatment for asthma at the McCarty Hospital, Rumford.

New books added to the Public Library this week are:

Reading of Jasper Holt
The Book of Courage, J. O. Curwood
The Book of the Orange Blossoms, Harriet Smith

A largely attended meeting of the Andover Farm Bureau was held in the town hall, Tuesday, Dec. 16. County Agent Thomas gave an illustrated lecture on the Pine Tree Blister Rust and Potato diseases. Miss Gladys Page, Home Demonstration Leader, gave a talk on home saving devices. A delicious dinner was served at noon and the following program was given at the afternoon session:

Reading, Miss Dorothy Thomas
Violin Solo, Mrs. Robert Swain
Reading, Constance Thomas
Instrumental Music, Miss Mary Morse
Reading, Miss Thomas

The ladies then held their meeting and the gentlemen elected the following officers for the coming year:

Chairman, Lewis Akers
Crops Project Leader, J. P. Talbot
Forestry Project Leader, M. A. Howard
Dairy Project Leader, Guy Akers
Dairy Leader, E. M. Bailey
Orchard Leader, Lewis Akers

Miss Della Thurston from Graham School is enjoying the Christmas holidays with her people, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas.

Blessed Sleep

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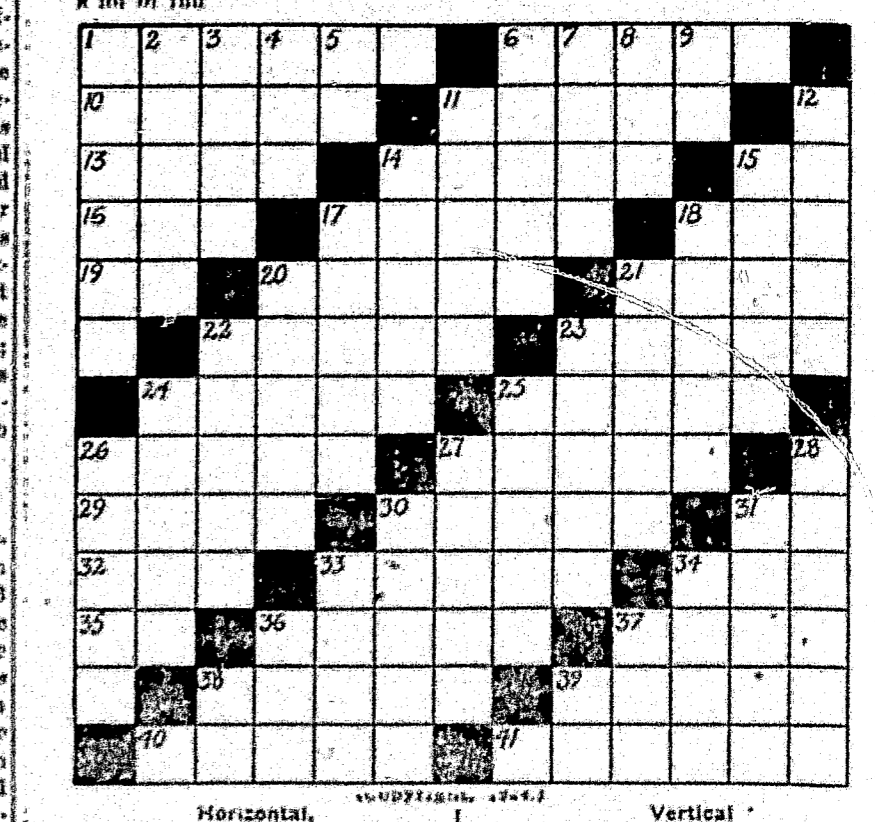
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CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 2
"THE HEAVENLY STAIRWAY"

You're likely to trip up if you try to ascend or descend too rapidly. Go slow, watch your interlock, and this "cross-word puzzle" will give you a lot of fun.



Horizontal:
1—Referring to a hundred
2—The contrabass
3—Watchful
4—Musical instrument
5—Inter
6—Food containing gelatin
7—Thus
8—Sift
9—Completely
10—Shelter
11—Reflexive article (French)
12—Favorably
13—Bodies of water
14—Substance used medicinally
15—Distributed
16—Seed of a fabaceous vine
17—Looks for
18—Stops
19—Vehicle on runners
20—Earth
21—Dance up
22—Forward
23—Belonging to it
24—Female korara
25—The sun
26—Not you
27—Spring flower
28—A muscle
29—Excellent
30—Smells strongly
31—Crude form of sleep

Vertical:
1—Mystic art
2—Divide
3—Roman emperor
4—Assay
5—By
6—Holding part
7—To unite
8—In order that
9—Small rooms
10—Cook in oven
11—Magistrate
12—Clothes
13—Here of a drama by Goethe
14—Permit to escape
15—Burn with iron
16—Plants
17—College supervisors
18—Consider
19—Pink dish
20—Slumber
21—Viscous mud
22—To deprive
23—Anything that unites or cements
24—They
25—To cease
26—Fifth
27—Harvest
28—Bind together
29—Statist
30—Musical note

The solution will appear in next issue.

FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

- 1 blast, repeated at one minute intervals—Broad Mason and Paradise Streets.
- 2 blasts, repeated at one minute intervals—Mill Hill.
- 3 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Church, Park, Upper High, Upper Summer, Elm Streets.
- 4 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Main to Bryant's Store, Spring, Brighton, Chapman Streets.
- 5 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Lower Main, Mechanic, Lower High, Clark, Lower Summer, Vernon Streets.
- 6 blasts, repeated at two minute intervals—Mills, Mill Yards and Railroad Street.

In case of fire call the telephone office, tell the operator where the fire is, and she will tend to the alarm. There are two alarm boxes, one on the corner of Church and Main Streets, the other on the corner of Main and High Streets at the rear of Wm. C. Bryant's store.

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